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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Rejections

ARGUMENT

I. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-22, 25, and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-22, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreitman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,388), hereinafter Kreitman et al., in view of Mander et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/018277), hereinafter Mander et al. This rejection is improper in that it fails to present a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

Independent claims 1, 13, 18, 19, 25, and 26 have been restructured. The claims, as amended, present similar elements to the claims prior to amendment, hence argument is made toward their patentability.

Claim 1 has been amended removing the element of “activating a document editing function in response to a user input on said at least one active region.” The claim has been further modified to recite the element of an icon comprising “at least one active region on each of said at least one three-dimensional object images, said active region capable of activating a document content editing function in response to user input through said input device.” The examiner cites Mander et al. (Figs. 9a-10b and paragraphs [0025], [0026], [0072]-[0074], and [0092]) as disclosing the element of activating a document editing function. Mander et al. disclose a method and apparatus for organizing information in a computer filing system. Mander et al. do not teach any method of document editing. Figures 9a-10b, as referred to in paragraphs [0025] and [0026], show the operation of removing item(s) from a pile. No content editing function is invoked. In paragraphs [0072]-[0074], embodiments for the operation of removing an item (or items) from a pile are described in detail without reference to an editing function. Neither the content or structure of a document may be changed by interaction with the icons of Mander et al. Paragraph [0092] shows a

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method for creating the internal representation used by the filing system of Mander et al. to organize “piles” of documents. The frequency of occurrence of keywords in a document is used to index the document. No modification, or editing, of the documents in the piles is invoked in the method disclosed in Mander et al. paragraph [0092].

The examiner states that Kreitman et al. suggest (Abstract and column3, lines 37-60), but do not explicitly disclose the element of activating a document editing function in response to a user input. This suggestion is not apparent. Kreitman et al. only state that the icon can be used to view information about the object through manipulation of the object. There is no suggestion of editing or changing the object.

The combination of Kreitman et al. and Mander et al. do not disclose the above element of claim 1 as amended. Consequently, the examiner’s rejection of claim 1 does not present a *prima facie* case of anticipation, and claim 1 is allowable in amended form.

Claims 3-5, 7-9, and 11-12 are dependent on claim 1 and comprise all the elements therein. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as enunciated for claim 1. Claims 3-5 and 7 have been amended to correct minor errors in grammar and antecedent basis.

Independent claim 13, as amended, incorporates the element of an icon comprising “active regions on said three-dimensional object images, said active regions capable of activating a function which changes the order of said pages in said document in response to user input.” The combination of Kreitman et al. and Mander et al. do not disclose this element. Therefore claim 13 is allowable in amended form. The dependency in claims 15-17 has been amended. Claims 15 and 17, as amended, are dependent on claim 13. Claim 16, as amended, is dependent on claim 13 through claim 15. Claims 15-17 comprise all the elements therein claim 13, and accordingly are allowable for the same reasons as claim 13.

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Independent claim 18, as amended, incorporates the element of "wherein said series of three-dimensional object images, said page images and said function bar comprise active regions capable of activating functions upon user input, wherein one of said functions is a document content editing function." The combination of Mander et al. and Kreitman et al. do not disclose this element as explained above for claim 1. Claims 18, as amended, is therefore allowable.

Independent claim 19, as amended, incorporates the element of "active regions on said three-dimensional object images, said active regions capable of activating functions which edit content in said document in response to user input." The combination of Mander et al. and Kreitman et al. do not disclose this element as explained above for claim 1. Claim 19 is therefore allowable. Claims 20-22 are dependent on claim 19 and comprise all the elements therein. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as claim 19.

Applicant respectfully requests that claims 18-22 be allowed for the reasons stated above. Claims 20-22 have been amended to correct minor errors in grammar and antecedent basis.

Independent claims 25 and 26, as amended, incorporate the element of "active regions on said object images, said active regions capable of activating functions which edit content in said document in response to user input." The combination of Mander et al. and Kreitman et al. do not disclose this element. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 25 and 26 be allowed for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1.

II. Claims 2, 10, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner has rejected claims 2, 10, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreitman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,388), hereinafter Kreitman et al., in view of Mander et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/018277), hereinafter Mander et al., in further view of Hahn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,751,287),

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hereinafter Hahn et al. This rejection is improper in that it fails to present a prima facie case of obviousness.

Claims 2 and 10 are dependent on claim 1 and comprise all the elements therein. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as enunciated for claim 1. Further, the combination of Kreitman et al. in view of Mander et al. in further view of Hahn et al. do not disclose the element of an icon comprising "at least one active region on each of said at least one three-dimensional object images, said active region capable of activating a document content editing function in response to user input through said input device."

Claim 14, as amended, is dependent on claim 13 and comprises all the elements therein. According, claim 14 is allowable for the same reasons as enunciated for claim 13. Further, the combination of Kreitman et al. in view of Mander et al. in further view of Hahn et al. do not disclose the element of "activating a document content editing function in response to user input."

III. Claims 6, 23, and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The examiner has rejected claims 6, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreitman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,388), hereinafter Kreitman et al., in view of Mander et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/018277), hereinafter Mander et al., in further view of Microsoft® Windows NT, version 4.0, © 1981-1999 Microsoft Corp., hereinafter Microsoft. This rejection is improper in that it fails to present a prima facie case of obviousness.

Claim 6 is dependent on claim 1 and comprise all the elements therein. Accordingly, this claim is allowable for the same reasons as enunciated for claim 1. Further, the combination of Kreitman et al. in view of Mander et al. in further view of Microsoft do not disclose the element of activating a document content editing function in response to user input via an icon representing the document.

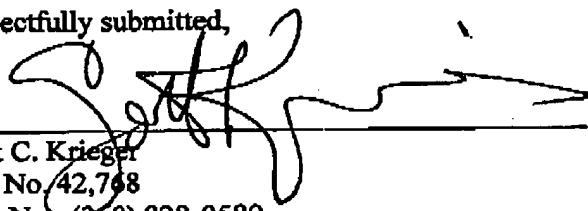
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Claim 6 has been amended to correct minor errors in grammar and antecedent basis.

Claim 23 is dependent on claim 19. Claim 24 is dependent on claim 19 through claim 23. Claims 23 and 24 therefore comprise all the elements therein claim 19. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as enunciated above for claim 19. Further, the combination of Kreitman et al. in view of Mander et al. in further view of Microsoft do not disclose the element of activating a document content editing function in response to user input via an icon representing the document.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the claims, as amended, be allowed in their current condition.

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